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## Future Planning for Koenig/Northland

*Kay Newell, Allandale resident for 26 years  
President MoNAC – MoPac Neighborhood Associations Coalition  
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In case you are wondering whether there is a freeway in the works for Koenig/Northland now that the US 290 Toll Road to Manor has been approved – there is NOT. A road in our three county area (Hays, Travis, and Williamson) can't be touched if it is not in the CAMPO 2030 plan. As an example, the conversion of Cesar Chavez from one-way to two-way is in the CAMPO 2030 Plan.

The only thing in the CAMPO 2030 plan for Koenig/Northland is the upgrade of the section between Lamar and Shoal Creek from Major Arterial Undivided (MAU4) to Major Arterial Divided (MAD4). If you notice when you are out driving, the section of Koenig from Lamar to Airport and the section of Northland from Shoal Creek to Loop 1 have already been upgraded from MAU 4 to MAD 4. The upgrade of the section from Lamar to Airport took place a couple of years ago within the existing right of way, and the upgrade of the section from Shoal Creek to Loop 1 took place quite a few years ago. That leaves the section from Shoal Creek to Lamar as the only remaining section of Koenig in need of upgrading. When you consider that Lamar and Koenig is one of the 10 most congested inter-

sections in the CAMPO area, you begin to understand the need for the upgrade. I for one can't wait for them to finish the upgrade of this final section of Koenig. My experience with driving this section for the past 26 years is that quite a few people are unable to stay in their lanes, particularly in the sections with curves. Upgrading this final section of Koenig/Northland to a MAD4 will make it safer for all of us.

If you compare the traffic count on Koenig between Loop 1 and N Lamar Blvd from 1990 (28,000) to 2005 (35,000), you have a 25% increase. And with the population projections showing our five county area doubling in population to 2.1 million by 2020, finishing out

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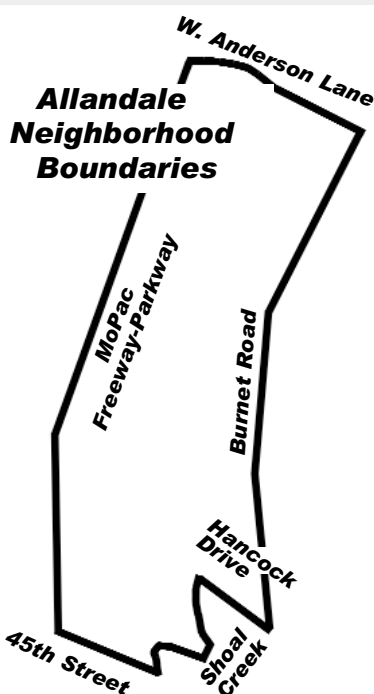
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## A Free Concert in the Park with Sarah Pierce

Tom Linehan

On Sunday, December 7th at Northwest Park, Sarah Pierce will be performing a free concert. You are invited.

Who is Sarah Pierce you ask? Read on.

It all started with an email to the Allandale Neighborhood Association. "My name is Sarah Pierce. I live on Cary Drive and have been in Allandale for 13 years now. We love our neighborhood! I am a singer songwriter, and I have just released my new CD, *Cowboy's Daughter*." Sarah goes on to explain she has a number of fans in Allandale and thought it would be good to do a free show in the neighborhood as a way to show her appreciation for their ongoing support.

I like the idea of a free concert in the park. It is a great way to bring neighbors together and build community, but I was not aware of Sarah. A few email exchanges later and I showed up at Sarah Pierce and Merle Bregante's house on Cary Dr to do some research. The gist of it is Allandale has a lovely and talented singer songwriter right here in our humble neighborhood. Sarah's hus-



Sarah Pierce and Merle Bregante

band, Merle Bregante, is an accomplished musician in his own right. He plays drums on Sarah's CD and produced her latest CD, *Cowboy's Daughter*. Merle's studio, Cribworks Digital Studio, is located in their house, under the watchful and loving eyes of two yellow labs and a beautiful German Shepherd.

Sarah's new CD is a thoroughly enjoyable collection of country songs. Sarah classifies her style of music as Americana Country. It is along the lines of a Kelly Willis or a Gillian Welch. If you prefer country music, you'll like it. And if you only kinda sorta like country music, you'll like it. Sarah is blessed with a beautiful voice and on the CD she is accompanied by a group of very talented musicians playing instruments ranging from harmonica to mandolin to steel guitar. It will keep you replaying the CD.

I had a pleasant visit with Sarah and Merle that Sunday afternoon. As I mentioned, Merle has a production studio at the house. To my untrained eye, you would think it takes something bigger to produce a CD, but over the course of the conversation I realized Merle not only has the right equipment but knows what he is doing. A number of musicians around the country turn to him for his expertise. As a musician,

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Merle has a history of playing for number of well-known bands going back to Loggins and Messina and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Sarah and Merle love Austin, love Allandale, and are quite at home on their block. They moved to Austin in 1994 and to Allandale in 1995. They settled in Austin after spending a number of years on the road touring, which included opening up for Jerry Jeff Walker. They chose Austin on the recommendation of John McEuen—a friend who is also one of the founding members of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Sarah originally came here to write. They started out living in Hyde Park close to her work, a clinic at 29th and Guadalupe (now on Burnet Rd), where Sarah is a Physicians Assistant by day. They found their house on Cary in 1995 and bought it the same day. “The neighborhood is the greatest,” they say. They really value the neighbors on their block who keep a watchful eye on their house and their dogs. As Merle put it, “There is this settled feeling about the block.” Some of the people here are the original homeowners.

Although not a lot of people in Austin are aware of Sarah Pierce, people in some of the larger cities around the country are. Her previous record had two top 20 singles on adult contemporary radio. She is also popular in Europe where she occasionally tours. Merle says her new record is more suited to the musical sensibilities of Austin and should be well received. A couple of her upcoming gigs in the area include opening up for Hal Ketchum at Gruene Hall and playing for the National Association of Broadcasters Convention that will be held here at the

Austin Convention Center. Sarah will be returning to Italy in a few weeks to tour.

I’m no music critic but I am enjoying Sarah’s latest CD, *Cowboy’s*

## ANA President’s Letter

Allan McMurtry

This has been a stressful year for the neighborhood. It started with the continued struggle over the size of the Wal-Mart Discount Center and included the continued study of the impacts of Vertical Mixed Use. Reading the plans for each is capable of putting conscious adults to sleep; the impacts, however, were anything but sleep inducing. They were both frightening and home-value threatening.

Back in 2006, the ANA EC appointed a committee to address the Northcross issues and a committee to look at Vertical Mixed Use. Both committees were highly successful in limiting the impact of these uses in the Central Austin Area. Without the point of the spear that these Committees provided, the technical issues would have overwhelmed us all.

I’d like to thank Michael Bomba, Katie Hansen, and

*Daughter.* I have it loaded onto my Nano and have been playing it often. I’m looking forward to her concert. Save the date: Sunday, December 7th, 2 p.m. ♦

Tom Linehan for their efforts on the Northcross Committee. Additional and critical help came from Dan Jones, Linnea Anderson, and Kay Newell, among others involved early in the process as the issues were identified. If you see any of them in the local stores, give them a hug. They materially contributed to the value of your home.

As for VMU, the list of names actually exceeds my knowledge and my time line with the current Executive Committee. The early participants were Kerry Kimbrough, Steven Zettner, and Anne Young. Close on their heels as time moved on were Paula Kern, Donna Beth McCormick, Katie Hansen, and, of course, Tom Linehan. As in the case of the

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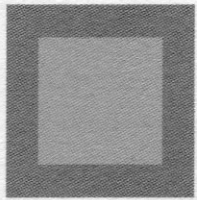
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Northcross issues, if you see them in a local store give them a hug. Had they lost their persuasive arguments before Council, you would have felt the financial impacts across Central Austin.

Folks, we're talking hundreds upon hundreds of man-hours contributed gratis by these people on both these issues. The ANA has worked since 1973 to maintain the schools, parks, small businesses, and safety of this area. These people are an integral part of the long line of volunteers who have kept this area as part of what Austin is. We may be late coming to Austin, but from the air, you can identify Allandale from its massive base of green.

We need to you become a member so we can continue to represent the basic building blocks of a neighborhood, that place where you can walk at dusk, ride your bike, swim, throw baseballs, and generally contribute to the stability of the core of Austin. I look forward to serving you in the coming year. ❖

## Life with VMU...Believe it or not, it's possible

*Anne Young*

Some of us were beginning to think that we would never see it, but Allandale's Vertical Mixed Use Opt-In / Opt-Out Application was given final approval by Austin's City Council in August. It was the culmination of a process that began in the spring of 2007—a process that was much more intensive and convoluted than any of us expected.

For a map of the VMU Tracts and a bit of background, please refer to the Allandale Reporter web site at [www.allandalereporter.org](http://www.allandalereporter.org). But some brief highlights of the outcome of Allandale's VMU process are:

- Shallow commercial properties that have frontage on Burnet Rd and that are adjacent to single family properties are no longer included in the VMU Overlay District. (VMU Tracts 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10)
- The commercial properties near Burnet Rd and North Loop remain in the VMU Overlay District, with full incentives. (VMU Tract 1)
- The commercial properties near Burnet Rd and Koenig remain in the VMU Overlay District, with full incentives. (VMU Tract 4)
- The commercial properties along Burnet Rd between White Horse Trail and Twin Oaks Drive remain in the VMU Overlay District, with some restrictions and no incentives. (VMU tract 5A)
- The storm water/water quality control portions of VMU projects will require an additional technical review from City of Austin Watershed Engineering, specifically by staff in the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Program working on the Allandale Storm Drain Improvements Project.
- Vehicular access for VMU projects will be provided from Burnet Rd, with the possible exception of emergency vehicles, unless further zoning changes are approved for adjacent properties.

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- A minimum of three meetings between the developer and the stakeholders prior to any formal submittal of a request for building, demolition, or site development permits from the City of Austin for a VMU project will be required.
- The developer may choose to request the VMU incentives from the City of Austin as part of a zoning change request. This will trigger the possible inclusion of a set amount of publically accessible open space within the VMU project boundaries.
- These additional requirements for this single piece of property are included in a Restrictive Covenant that is tied to the property and is

funded by a small bond from the current property owner.

- The commercial properties along Burnet Rd between Twin Oaks and Addison Ave remain in the VMU Overlay District, with full incentives. (VMU Tract 6)
- The commercial properties along Burnet Rd between Northcross and Anderson and the commercial properties along Anderson between Burnet Rd and Shoal Creek (just beyond Rockwood) remain in the VMU Overlay District, with full incentives. (VMU Tracts 11, 12, 13, 14A)
- The commercial properties along Shoal Creek Blvd are no longer included in the VMU Overlay District. (VMU Tracts 14B, 15).

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convoluted than any  
of us expected

Those of us who have struggled over the past year and a half to help the City understand the goals of our neighborhood are satisfied with these results. We hope that you are also. ❖

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# Progress Update on Wal-Mart Store at Northcross

Tom Linehan

Since our August newsletter, the Allandale Neighborhood Association has had a couple of meetings regarding the revised Northcross site plan. What follows is an update on what we have learned since Wal-Mart announced in July plans to scale back the size of the store from 192,000 square feet to 99,600 square feet.

An initial meeting took place in early August prior to Lincoln's re-submittal of the revised site plan to the City. It was a joint meeting with RG4N, members of the Allandale Neighborhood Association Executive Committee, and Lincoln Properties' attorney Bruce Scrafford, held at the Northwest Recreational Center on Wednesday, August 6th. A Wal-Mart representative was not at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Allandale and RG4N an initial look at the revised site plan. The meeting subsequent to that was with

the City of Austin and Allandale Neighborhood Association following the submittal of the revised plans.

The most important change is the store will be one-half the size (99,600 square feet versus 192,000) of what was originally planned. The revised plans will retain the design and materials originally presented; however, it will be a single-story structure without a multi-level parking lot. We were told at the meeting in August that Wal-Mart is putting together a Fact Sheet with more details.

Other points from the two meetings are as follows:

### Building Area

- No parking structure. The parking lot will be on the north side of the store.
- The one-story building will be 99,600 square feet.
- The mall itself will be 90,000

square feet smaller.

- No garden center, service station, or automotive center.
- The store will be closed from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., except for seasonal business.

### Traffic

- The significant reduction in size will result in significant reduction in traffic.
- No refund is being sought for the prior developer contribution to the City for traffic improvements.
- Not clear yet on how truck idling will be addressed.

### Landscape and Drainage

- There will be a few more trees planted than included in the original site plan.
- There will be more sidewalk and buffer landscaping than in original site plan.
- There will be more landscaped



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area and less impervious cover than original plan.

- Approximately one-half acre of additional landscape area and a reduction in impervious cover will improve performance of water quality and drainage control features.

There remain many questions regarding traffic impact, traffic mitigation measures, truck routes, truck idling, security, etc., which Allandale anticipates will be addressed in Wal-Mart's Fact Sheet. When it is received, the Fact Sheet will be posted to the web site at [www.allandalereporter.org](http://www.allandalereporter.org). ❖

## Have you joined ANA's Newsgroup?

It's a great way to stay abreast of neighborhood issues, plus share thoughts and ideas that affect Allandale.

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/allandale/> to sign up.

## Allandale in 2028: Two Visions – One We Need to Fight For

*Steven Zettner, Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin*

In 20 years, our children and grandchildren could inherit a thriving green neighborhood, anchored by pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented districts. Or, future residents could see an endless traffic jam framed by drive-thru retail, big box stores, car lots, and dense, isolated, poorly-aging apartment complexes.

As things stand, the latter vision is coming to pass. High land prices; an overly complex and outdated land development process; loopholes in City code; a midtown street grid that favors cars over pedestrians; and a huge aversion by developers, investors, and even some City staff to trying new approaches, all constrain what can happen on streets like Burnet and Anderson. Recent projects, even those initiated under the new Commercial Design Standards, mostly emphasize car-focused projects—car lots, drive-thru pharmacies, drive-thru banks, and big boxes.

Cars are a fact of life, and we will always have traffic. With VMU zoning, however, the population of our area is set to increase by about 50% in the coming two decades. Two “mixed use” projects adding hundreds of new apartments are already in progress. If such

projects are not drawn into wider districts that are pedestrian- and transit-friendly, their residents will depend entirely on cars, adding directly to area traffic. Over time, these dense apartments will be at risk of decline because they are crammed on the side of a busy road, with not enough of interest nearby to maintain their value. (We are midtown, not downtown). When big apartments fail, all of us are at risk.

It doesn't have to be this way. Plenty of cities around the country have gotten mixed use right, even in midtown areas like ours where the infrastructure to support a pedestrian-friendly environment has to be created from scratch. Market trends support this vision. Whereas sprawling suburban areas like Cedar Park are overbuilt throughout the country, there is a deficit of in-town housing for two demographics – young professionals and empty nesters – who want to live closer to downtown, shorten their commutes, and enjoy a diversity of cultural and culinary opportunities. As always, market demand will drive development. Yet, it is the very diversity that this target demographic craves that creates higher risks to developers. Getting pedestrian-friendly, mixed use development right requires a district-level approach that Austin and most developers don't

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## Allandale in 2028

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know how to do. As noted above, it would be very easy to screw this up and have a big mess. Politicians come and go, but some of us plan to live here for decades.

One year ago, residents from Allandale, Crestview, North Shoal Creek, and Wooten founded an organization called Sustainable Neighborhoods to create awareness about both the opportunities and risks that will determine the future of all our neighborhoods. The key opportunity we are focusing on is to influence a vibrant mixed use district along Anderson Ln that is pedestrian-friendly and has sound transit and bicycle infrastructure. The key risk we are focusing on is to require an adequate minimum level of pedestrian-friendly

open space for larger development projects. We have had some success on both fronts. Representatives of groups like Capital Metro, the American Institute of Architects, and the UT School of Architecture have spoken at our meetings and provided feedback about our vision. City Council members know our vision as well. While city leaders don't yet see our concerns as a priority, they are at least aware. That's a start.

If you care about our vibrant neighborhoods and agree that a pedestrian friendly approach to development makes more sense than the current approach, please get involved today. Becoming proactive and positive is the only way we are



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## Covenant Presbyterian Church Project Update

*Frederick L. Clement, Administrator*



On September 14, Covenant Presbyterian Church observed the topping off of its new Fellowship & Education Building located at the southeast corner of MoPac and Northland Drive. Topping off is achieved in construction when the building's steel structure is fully erected; it is observed by the placement of an evergreen tree on the topmost structural steel beam of the building. Members and friends of Covenant celebrated this milestone in the project's development with a traditional potluck luncheon on the church's tree-shaded outdoor plaza. Local artists provided live music entertainment. Earlier, members inscribed their names on two steel girders before they were finally hoisted and fastened into place atop the structure.

The church's new four-story Fellowship & Education Building features a chapel, library, coffee bar, fellowship hall with adjoining commercial kitchen, meeting rooms, nurs-



*Elevation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, currently under construction.*

eries, a gymnasium, and two outdoor playgrounds. Free wireless internet access will be hosted throughout the building. A state of the art contemporary worship hall complements Covenant's vision for passionate worship in the reformed tradition of our faith community. The building is thoughtfully designed to be user-friendly, accessible, energy-efficient, and, more than anything, a fun and

friendly place for welcoming and gathering the Austin community.

Covenant Presbyterian Church's Fellowship & Education Building is scheduled to open in February 2009, a date marking Covenant's 45 years as an Allandale neighbor. Inquiries concerning Covenant Presbyterian Church and its project may be directed to its administrator, Frederick L. Clement, at [fclement@covenant.org](mailto:fclement@covenant.org). ❖

## Allandale Storm Drain Improvements

Tom Linehan

We are two years away from having a solution in place for the flooding problem along White Rock. City staff met with ANA's Executive Committee at the August meeting and went over the revised plans for the project. The project is designed to reduce flooding of houses, yards, and streets caused by a poor storm water conveyance system in the area.

Plans are to install a storm drain underneath Bull Creek Rd that runs from White Horse Trail to Shoal Creek below 2222. The City has confirmed that this proposal will not increase flooding along Shoal Creek. The city is expected to start construction on the storm drain improvements mid-2010. The project will probably take about 14 months to complete. ❖



## Library Update

Nathan Dooley

The Yarborough and North Village branch libraries are valuable resources for our neighborhood, funded by everyone's tax dollars. In addition to lending books, movies, and CDs, these branches offer a variety of services to our community, ranging from story times for kids to free wireless internet access to an air-conditioned place to lounge on a hot summer day.

The Yarborough library branch (2200 Hancock Dr., 454-7208) has a few developments of particular note:

- A winter holiday party on Saturday, December 13, will include music, food, and crafts for kids.
- The branch encourages artistic expression by exhibiting local artists' work. Anyone who paints, draws, does photography, or creates other types of art is welcome to contact the branch's managing librarian, Bonita Snyder-Jones.
- Many community groups use the branch's meeting rooms for a variety of purposes. If a group plans



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## Yarbrough Library

and native plant landscaping. It also will offer several technologically advanced features, including some 20 public computers, wired carrels for use of personal laptop computers, and dedicated computer centers for young people. In addition, a "living room" section will provide a lounge area stocked with periodicals and a coffee machine.

Because of city budget cuts, the Yarbrough branch is now closed on Fridays, and the North Village branch is now closed on Thursdays. Both branches are also closed on Sundays.

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to use the meeting facilities, it should be aware that the branch's scheduling process has changed. As a result, applications for 2009 meeting space should be filled out this November.

The North Village branch (currently at 2139 W. Anderson Ln, 458-

2239) is planning to move to a larger location in January 2009. The new building, which is under construction at 2505 Steck Ave., will roughly double the branch's square footage. It will include a number of green construction features, such as recycled building materials, solar panels, natural lighting, rainwater collection,

**A winter holiday party at Yarbrough Library on Saturday, December 13, will include music, food, and crafts for kids.**



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## Great Northern Detention Pond Project Update

Tom Linehan

The Great Northern Detention Pond project will be getting underway soon. The permitting of the project should have been completed in September, and the construction will begin in November or December. It will take nine months to complete at a cost of \$2.4 million. It will be the first major detention pond upgrade constructed by the City.

The Great Northern Detention Pond is being upgraded because the current one does not meet state criteria. The pond was originally built in 1978 and was modified in 1983 in response to the Memorial Day flood. It will be replaced with a pond that is in compliance with state dam design rules. The project will make the pond a little bigger by adding a wall; however, the objective is focused more on reinforcing the

structure than on adding capacity. The safety of the structure will be enhanced in the event there is an especially severe storm. A short wall will partially encircle the pond and direct any overflow over a concrete-lined spillway.

The current detention pond is a recreational area for hikers, bikers, and residents walking their dogs. It is also a walkway for people crossing over Mopac. None of this will change with the pond upgrade.

The biggest drawback to the project is that the city will be removing most of the trees currently in the area. The root systems of trees and brush tend to weaken dams and decrease their ability to resist the force of flood waters.

In response to Allandale's feedback on the project, the City will be making the following additional improvements:

- Improving the visual line-of-sight at the north entrance
- Replacing bollards & wire
- Stamping and staining the concrete on the spillway and wall to

make them more attractive


- Replanting trees
- Replacing the bench area currently in place at the southeastern corner of the existing pond
- Adding a stretching station pad at the north entrance
- Supplying the neighborhood with paint for graffiti removal

While under construction, residents will have limited access to the area, although there will always be a way to get from the MoPac pedestrian bridge to Shoal Creek Blvd. It will be an indirect route, going from the pedestrian bridge to Great Northern Blvd., then to neighborhood streets to Shoal Creek Blvd. ❖

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## Neighborhood Watch Signs in Place

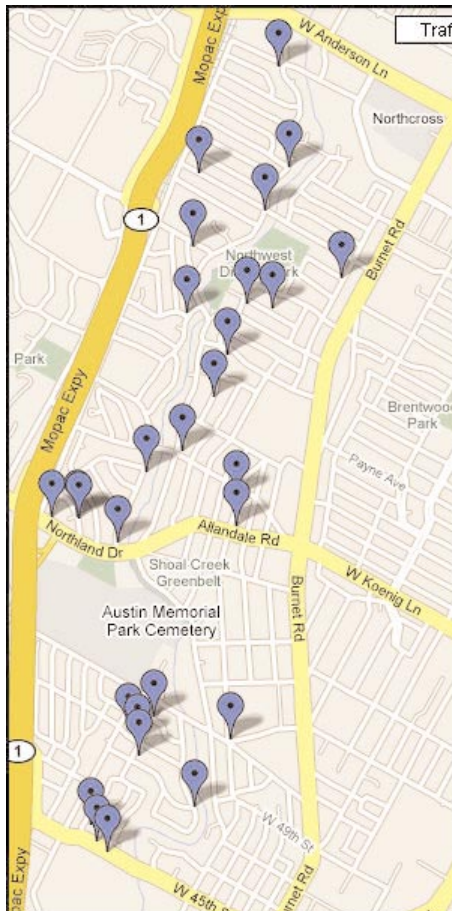
Tom Linehan

Allandale recently had 28 new Neighborhood watch signs installed (see map for locations). Coordinated by Laura DiCarlo, Allandale's Neighborhood Safety Committee Coordinator, the project is part of the Allandale's Block Captain network initiative. Over the last six months, residents have volunteered to be block captains or alternates and have gone through the block captain training. The first training was conducted by the Austin Police Department and took place on April 28th, 2008, at Genuine Joe's. Laura has continued to recruit and provide training for new block captains. The next step in the process was to replace the old rusty Neighborhood Watch signs as well as install signs in new locations. The placement of the signs corresponds

roughly to where the block captains live. Allandale now currently has 73 block captains and alternates. On September 30th, I received the following note from Laura: "Today was the deadline so we got our last requests in. I'm hoping we can do more in the future if the police department does free installation (today was the last day the city did free installation)." Thanks to Laura for her dedication to this initiative. If you would like to become a block captain, you can contact her at 323-6929 or e-mail her at [lhdicarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:lhdicarlo@yahoo.com). ♦



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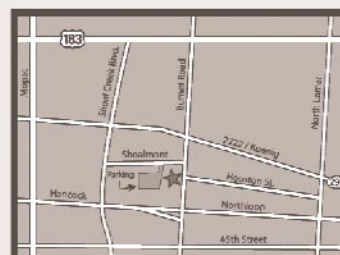
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If you were out strolling around Allandale on Tuesday evening, October 7th, you probably walked by one of the many Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) gatherings going on. A number of the residents in Allandale participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, and on that night they held a block party to celebrate Neighborhood Night Out. There were over 20 NNO gatherings in Allandale that registered with Laura DiCarlo, Allandale's Neighborhood Safety Coordinator, and probably more who didn't register but who hosted a gathering. It shows the commitment Allandale has in crime prevention and is a demonstration of Allandale's neighborhood spirit.

This year's NNO was moved from August to October to take advantage of the cooler weather. For many neighbors it is the only chance they have throughout the year to get together. For some it was the first time to meet their neighbors. This year's event was particularly popular given the increased promotion by the City and the Allandale Neighborhood Association. Thanks also go to Laura DiCarlo for helping to orchestrate the event with Allandale's block captains and the City, who showed up with Fire Engines and EMS vehicles at some of the gatherings.

# Neighborhood Night Out—



*Tristan and Greg checking out Engine #19*

Munguia and COA Code Enforcement Officer Garrett, as well as Engine 19. Little kids and big kids had a great time! We numbered 35 from 14 homes and our potluck spread out over 4 tables. Thank you Laura for really setting NNO into motion for Allandale.



*COA Code Enforcement Officer Garrett, SPO Dana Munguia, Kay Newell, Ellen Evgenides*

## **From Kay Newell and Pat Briggs:**

We had a great time last night renewing friendships and meeting new neighbors. Louise Ln and Susie Ct were visited by SPO Dana

## **From Kata Carbone:**

National Night Out on the 2700 block of West 49 1/2 Street was hosted by Kata Carbone and David Orshalick. Block participation was small but lively and included long-time resident Tommy House (on the left), who purchased his home in 1953 and along with his wife Betty, raised two sons here. Our newest residents are (from left to right) Ryan and

Sophia in the stroller, and their parents Chad and Sarah Siebrecht, a young and growing family who brighten up the block. We were all delighted to meet members of Austin's finest firefighters and take a look at the inner workings of a firetruck. We also received a visit from our district representative, Officer Kelly LaHood, who gave us a tour of her high-tech squad car from the driver's seat.



## **From Tom Linehan and Betty Rodriguez:**

*It was a perfect evening for a gathering on our porch on Bullard Dr. We had a small group but it was very enjoyable. We were joined by Pat Cherico, Margie Johnson, Loretto Koepsel, Barbara vonMerz, and Louis Venitucci.*



# Allandale 2008



*Tommy House on the left, Ryan and Sophia in the stroller, and Chad and Sarah Siebrecht on the right*



**From Cathy Savage:**  
Thanks to Sharla Strube, Vic Hinterlang, and Patrick and Katherine Manley for hosting the block party on Woodview Ave. A photo directory for our block is in the works—thanks to Stuart Hentschel who was taking pics. (The kids sure enjoyed Patrick's electric car!)



**From Laura DiCarlo:**  
Here's a shot from our gathering: From left to right: Keith Carter, Ed Rupp, Elliott Naishtat, Gerald Clay, Karen Knight, and Catherine van Zanten. We had over 50 attendees from Wilbur, Cary, White Horse Trail, Cavileer and Shoal Creek.

**From John Keohane:**  
32 neighbors were together for NNO in the 5700-5800 blocks of Wynona. Thanks to Cynthia Keohane for organizing, Laura DiCarlo for her overall neighborhood leadership, and our neighbors, from

14 different households, for coming. This count of 32 is just neighbors. Our district rep. from the police department, Officer Kelly LaHood was also there, as was a fire engine and accompanying fire-fighters. ❖

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# Allandale Candy Cane Lane

Kay Newell

The Allandale Candy Cane Lane tradition was started in the 60's by the residents along Bullard. The tradition is to leave the candy cane for the next home owner. You might find candy canes in your attics or under your homes. A fresh coat of paint, and you will be carrying on the Allandale Candy Cane Lane tradition. Enjoy!

## Supplies:

- 2 stove pipe elbows
- 3 straight pieces of stove pipe
- 1 spray can of white Rust-Oleum paint (or similar paint)
- 1 spray can or small can of red Rust-Oleum paint OR 3 inch red outdoor ribbon

blue painter's tape—if you plan to paint on the red stripes  
4 ft metal pipe or broom handle  
string of Christmas lights OR flood-light and extension cord  
red outdoor bow

Put the two elbows together to form a hook, and then add it to the three connected pieces of straight stove pipe. You will then have a 6' candy cane. Spray the candy cane with the white spray paint. An easy way to spray the candy cane is to hammer your broom stick or metal pipe into the ground to support your candy cane while you are spraying it. After spraying the candy cane, you can either wrap it with 3 inch

red outdoor ribbon or use blue painter's tape to mark where the stripes would go and use red Rust-Oleum paint instead of ribbon. This eliminates the need to adjust your ribbon each year or

replace it because of weather wear and tear. Add a big red bow!

Pound a metal pole or broom handle in the ground at a 45 degree angle. The cane will slide down over it. If you use a metal pipe, you can drill a hole through the candy cane and through the metal pipe, placing a tightly fitting screw into the common hole. This makes it more difficult for someone who might be trying to "borrow" your candy cane. Some neighbors wrap their candy cane with a string of lights; others accent theirs with a flood light. ❖



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## MoNAC Annual Meeting

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I. MoPac1 Project discussion – where the MoPac1 Project stood this time last year, what has transpired this year, and what is seen as the future of the MoPac1 Project. Representatives of TxDOT, DMJM Harris, CTRMA, and HNTB will be on hand for the discussion.

II. Annual MoNAC Neighborhoods Roundup, a roundtable discussion by MoNAC representatives of issues their neighborhoods have faced in 2008 and their expectations for 2009.

Kay Newell, President  
MoNAC

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## Allandale Calendar Update Allandale Neighborhood Association 2008 Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Tuesday	October 21	Annual MoNAC meeting - Westminster Manor 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	October 23	ANA EC Meeting - Ralph Yarborough Library, 2200 Hancock Dr, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 1	Gullett Annual Fall Carnival
Sunday	November 30	Holiday Decorating event/ Candy Canes, etc.
Sunday	December 7	FREE Concert in the Park— Sarah Pierce, Northwest Park
Monday	December 15	December Allandale Neighbor delivered

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# Allandale Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Mary Jean Matus

25 September 2008

The regular General Membership meeting of the Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) was held on Thursday, August 25, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Ralph Yarborough Library, the Treasurer being in the chair (as the President was absent) and the Secretary being present\*. The minutes of the last two General Membership meetings (27 September 2007 and 27 March 2008), and of the special General Membership meeting (29 November 2007) were read and approved.

## Members Present:

Joe Reynolds, Treasurer; Mary Jean Matus, Secretary; Donna Beth McCormick; Paulette Kern; George Roman; Cynthia Keohane; Laura Slaughter.

**Treasurer's report:** Joe Reynolds  
Current Balance: \$20,362.63  
Business: \$ 4,447.24  
Nonprofit Business: \$ 9,387.76  
Savings: \$ 6,527.63

Outstanding legal fee debts are \$42,866.54; payments are to be made as monies become available via proceeds from fundraising events.

George Roman moved that "The treasurer's report be accepted"; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## Presentations:

Kelly La Hood from the Austin Police Department (Central West Area Command) introduced herself to the membership as Allandale's (for the area south of Koenig/Allandale Lane) neighborhood representative. (AJ Rodriguez represents the area north of Koenig/Allandale Lane.)

The following upcoming events were noted:

- National Night Out on October 7.
- A Fall Safety Fair will be held on October 11, 2008 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at 8000 Research Blvd. (Research and HWY 183). Everyone is invited to attend to learn ways to keep you, your family, and our community safe. In attendance will be: Police, Police Hummer, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Austin Fire Department (AFD), AFD Fire House, Spirit Reins (horse rides), S.T.A.R. Cart (DWI awareness), 311 Operators, Code Enforcement, and AISD K-9 Unit.

Neighborhood resident, Andrew Donohoo, gave a presentation on Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technology and Austin Energy's Solar PV Rebate program. Andrew provided

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an overview of how this technology is used for heating water and providing electricity, how Austin's Energy Power Saver™ Program works, and what one might expect in terms of cost of installation vs. savings via the rebate program and energy costs.

Sharon Blythe spoke to the membership about the construction activity at Covenant Presbyterian Church (3003 Northland Drive) with regard to their use of land belonging to Austin Memorial Cemetery, and expressed her disapproval of the situation.

### Committee Reports:

#### Northcross: Allan McMurtry

Allan, Tom Linehan, and Joe Reynolds met with the City of Austin on Monday to discuss the term sheet. ANA's attorneys have requested concrete resolutions; e.g., whether agreements would be recorded by way of deed restrictions vs. plat notes (enforced by the City).

#### Beautification: Linnea Anderson

Tree-trimming is again being initiated along Great Northern Blvd. Plans are in the works for volunteer clean-up of the pond at Northwest Park. Northwest Recreation Center has plans to re-vamp their building; Linnea is entertaining ideas as to how we might become involved in outdoor site improvements that would benefit neighborhood residents. Linnea welcomes residents to call her (750-8902) for more information and/or to volunteer.

**Safety:** Laura DiCarlo absent; no report

#### Nominations: Joe Reynolds

The slate of nominations for the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

President: Allan McMurtry

Vice President: Donna Beth McCormick

Treasurer: Joe Reynolds

Secretary: Mary Jean Matus

Board Members: Cynthia Keohane, George Roman, Paulette Kern, Pat Adams, Peggy Maceo, and Dustin Little

George moved that the nominations be accepted; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tom Linehan will be continuing his work with the ANA newsletter and website. Tom was recognized by the membership for his outstanding leadership these past 2 years as Presi-

dent. Laura Slaughter, who is now focusing her attention on Nursing school, was also recognized for her enormous contributions to fundraising efforts.

A very big heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to Tom and Laura for their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood! THANK YOU!!


The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. ❖

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## Dog Talk: Should We Let Sleeping Dogs Lie?

Cheryl Silver, [csilver2@austin.rr.com](mailto:csilver2@austin.rr.com)  
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This title was intended to be provocative—hope it got your attention. Of course, the thought behind this notion is that if everything is calm, don't shake anything up—at least, that is my take on it. I want to challenge your thinking on this.

Keep in mind that one of the most frequently encountered issues people give for rehoming/surrendering their dogs is dissatisfaction with the dog's behavior and often it is just one or two behaviors. Wild, unruly behavior is frequently cited as the problem by guardians of large dogs. Destructive behavior or snapping at people/children/grandchildren comes up frequently regardless of the size of the dog.

When I talk with families experiencing problematic dog behavior, I ask about what has already been tried. Almost without exception I learn that the efforts have been reactive rather than proactive. Additionally, I typically find that the dog has never learned any behaviors that rely on self-control, or, the dog may have been taught some commands but they are not integrated into the daily household routines. Instead, the unruly dog may be relegated to the back yard or repeatedly sprayed with a noxious substance once the problematic behavior manifests.

How many of you are old enough to remember the book, "The One Minute Manager?" The book was written 26 years ago! What I recall from my reading of the book is that the effective manager who is aiming to shape and improve the performance of staff is taught to catch her or his staff doing what is desired and to praise/reward the behavior on the

spot. This same model is the foundation of a type of dog training referred to as "clicker training."

I am not suggesting that you immerse yourself in clicker training, but I do want to remind you that even the most unruly dog has periods when it is calm/quiet, i.e., is something of a "sleeping" dog. The thoughtful, proactive guardian can use these quiet times to best advantage by reinforcing this desired behavior and teaching the dog the "settle" command.

How do you do it? It's really quite simple. Get together a bunch of small easily eaten treats. These treats should be mighty special – some dogs adore bits of cheese. Put those goodies in a treat bag or in a small plastic bag and have it with you. Sit down somewhere and get comfortable—read, listen to music, sip a bit of wine—relax! Soon your dog will lie down nearby. Once the dog is set-

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## Dog Talk

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tled, toss one of those treats on the floor about a foot or so from the dog. We want the dog to see you tossing the treat. Your dog will be interested, will get up to check out the treat, will gobble it up and then will come right to you for more! But don't pay the dog any attention no matter how cute or pitiful he looks.

Eventually the dog will give up and will go lie down again. You can be sure your dog will now be keeping his eyes on you. After he has been lying down for a minute or two, toss another treat a short distance from your dog so he must get up to get it. Repeat the process multiple times.

Soon you will see a look of comprehension on your dog's face. Eureka—he has figured it out—he realizes that he must be lying down quietly to get the pay-off! Yippee! Once the light has gone on, begin to tell your dog, "Good, 'settle,'" Use the "settle" term consistently. You will soon see

that your dog learns to settle and you can go on to using this new skill in management of your dog's behavior.

This is just a start at proactive skill building. I am always here to help—no charge.

## Gullett Good News Column

*Stephanie Schultz*

**A**nother school year has started and our neighborhood Gullett Geckos are off and running...or is that slithering?

Gullett's status as an exemplary school due to our students' TAKS scores is official! In the last issue of the *Allandale Neighbor*, Gullett Principle Janie Ruiz provided the preliminary results of the test scores. The district has since formally announced the results. For the second year running, our kids were ranked in the top level of achievement on the tests.

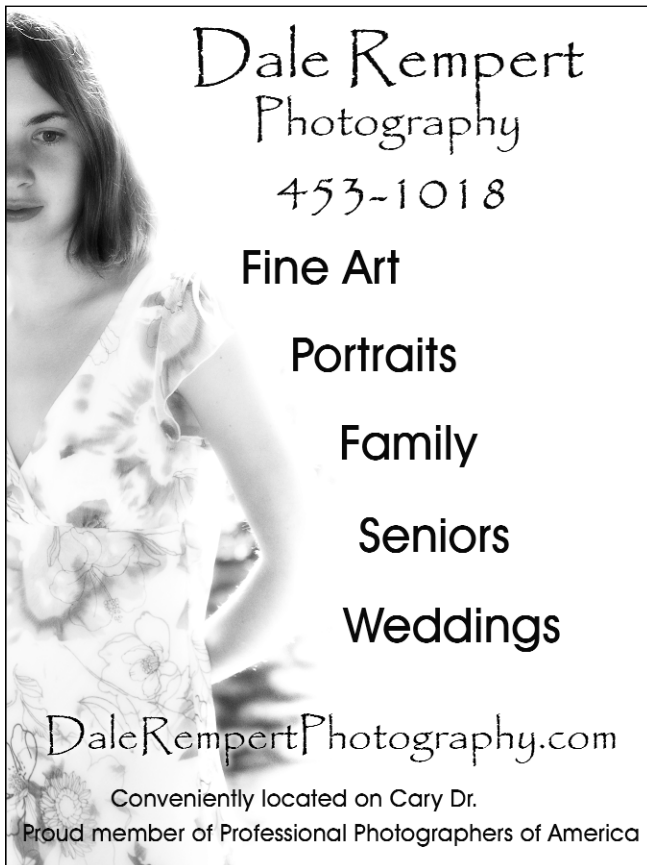
## Carnival Coming

Big events coming up at the school include the annual fall carnival. This year's event is scheduled for November 1 and will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As usual, the carnival will feature games, food, bands, and lots of prizes and fun for all. Come out and support your neighborhood elementary school.

The day before the carnival is Halloween! On that day, neighbors may see some of our smaller geckos still in their pajamas. October 31st is pajama day for our first and second graders. They didn't oversleep or simply forget to get dressed, they're having a fun day in their pj's.

## Don't Need to be 18 to Vote Nov. 3rd

Gullett fifth graders will beat the neighbors to the polls. On November 3, they'll participate in a mock election. This exercise will help them learn about the electoral process and have fun picking their presidential winner.



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### Vote at Gullett Tuesday, Nov. 4th

Those who are legal voting age are invited to cast their ballots at Gullett on November 4—the first Tuesday in November. We are expecting a BIG crowd at this all-important election, so vote early!

### Move over Einstein!

The Gullett Science Fair is happening November 18 – 20. Geckos in the third, fourth, and fifth grades conduct their science experiments and put them on display for their families and classmates. Always a good time, our students, in the past, have tested the best bubble baths, determined a dog's preference for food, created reactions with household items, and much, much more!

### Eat Bright

During the last week in November, our kids will focus on eating healthy. "Eat bright week" encourages students to include fruits and vegetables in their diets. Prizes are

handed out for kids who eat a fruit for veggie every day that week at lunch.

### Calling all Readers

Finally, the Gullett Book Fair is scheduled for December 8 – 12. This is a great time for Gullett families and the entire neighborhood to buy some holiday gifts. The books are reasonably priced, and whatever money we make from the event goes to our library.

### Green Thumbs Needed

Gullett boasts a native garden and animal habitat used by many of our teachers to educate the students. While many of the classes work on the gardens, we often call on the community for help. October 25 is gardening day at Gullett. The gardening commit-

tee and all volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. to start planting, raking, piling, and watering. We welcome volunteers of all sizes to keep Gullett beautiful.

### Expect Less Neighborhood Traffic...

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## Constable's Notebook

Constable Bruce Elfant

Based on huge voter turnouts in the presidential primaries, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir expects that the voter turnout on November 4 will “surpass anything we have seen before.” The 2008 presidential election certainly has been one of the most interesting, historic, and closely followed campaigns in modern times. A weak economy, 2 wars, the first serious female presidential candidate, first female vice presidential nominee, and the first African American presidential nominee have generated more interest in the outcome than at any time in the last 40 years. Historically, only about half of registered voters have bothered to vote in U. S. presidential elections. It has been 40 years since a presidential election attracted even 6

in 10 registered voters, which is lower than almost any other industrialized democracy.

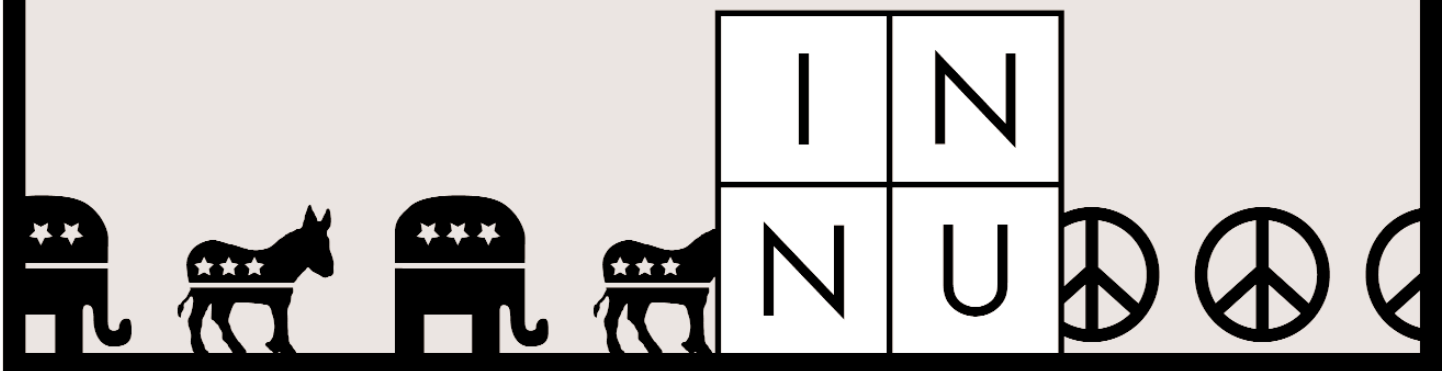
The County Clerk is betting that 2008 will be different and hopes that most people will take advantage of more early voting locations (including 2 mega voting locations) and longer hours of operation than ever before. During the early voting period which runs from Monday October 20 through Friday October 31, voters can vote at any early voting location, as opposed to election-day where voters must vote at their polling place. Voters over 65, disabled voters, and those who will be out of Travis County for the entire voting period may vote by mail and can obtain mail ballot applications at the Travis County Clerk's office at

5501 Airport, 854-4996 or at [www.traviscountyelections.org](http://www.traviscountyelections.org). Mail ballot applications must be received in the Travis County Clerk's office by October 28.

Citizens wishing to register to vote or change their voter address may do so until midnight October 6. Voter registration cards are available at the Travis County Tax Assessor Collector's Office and at all public libraries, or may be downloaded at [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org). Both major political party volunteers and other organizations are also working hard to register voters by going door to door and working voter registration booths at many public events and businesses.

Since it takes more than 2,400 election poll workers to conduct an effi-

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cient election that minimizes lines, anyone interested in being an election worker during the early voting period and on election day and through election night is encouraged to contact the County Clerk's Office (see above contact information).

Four years ago, approximately 65% of Travis County voters cast their votes, more than any other Texas county and significantly above the national average. This year it is expected that Travis County voters will once again lead Texas and the nation. Voting is a right that many, if not most, people around the world do not enjoy and a responsibility that citizens of free nations must exercise in order to remain free. President John F. Kennedy once remarked that "The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." That could not be more true today. See you at the polls. ❖

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## Boxelder Bugs

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Boxelder bugs are dark brownish-black insects with orange markings around the edges of the thorax and wings. These bugs are about ½ an inch long as an adult. Nymphs, or immatures, look similar to adults, but are smaller and do not have fully developed wings which allows you to see their bright red abdomen.

While boxelder bugs typically do not cause damage to the landscape or structures, they may become a nuisance in and around homes from fall until spring. In the fall, adults and large nymphs gather in large numbers to move to areas to overwinter. Boxelder bugs spend the winter in cracks and crevices in walls, around door and window casings, in tree holes and in debris on the ground.

Sometimes they will try to move indoors to overwinter. On warm days from fall until spring, adult boxelder bugs will emerge from their overwintering location to warm themselves in the sun.

Removing female boxelder trees from the area may solve problems with large, repeated infestations of boxelder bugs. Hiding places can also be reduced or eliminated by removing debris such as boards, leaves, and rocks from the area, as well as sealing and cracks and crevices around the home with caulk or expanding foam. If chemical treatment is desired, treat overwintering areas with chemicals containing active ingredients such as pyrethrin,

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## Future Planning for Koenig/Northland

*Continued from page 1*

Koenig as MAD 4 is a very important safety element for all of us.

The City of Austin 2222 Corridor Study indicates the traffic east of Loop 1 during the period 1992–1997 increased only 3%, yet there are much higher percentage increases west of Loop 1. This equates to the fact that the bulk of the people coming from the west on 2222 are turning on to MoPac, not continuing on to our section of Koenig/Northland. What I understand from the engineers is that this pattern has continued much the same for the last 10 years.

As part of any traffic analysis, you have to consider that since 1997 the number of cars in Austin has been growing at a staggering rate. The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce website news release about the Take on Traffic Initiative (<http://www.austin-chamber.org/TheChamber/About-TheChamber/NewsReleas->

[es/2007/2007\\_02\\_20.html](es/2007/2007_02_20.html)) states that every 20 minutes there is another new car on the roads of Central Texas. That equals 500 new cars each week!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Keep Texas Moving e-newsletter dated April 5, 2007 (<http://www.keeptexasmoving.com/index.php/enews/68>), has an article “Too Much Congestion, Too Little Federal Money” that explains why the federal highway funds are drying up. The same e-newsletter has an article “State Cuts Federal Transportation Funds” which explains that TxDOT has already returned half a billion dollars to the Feds in unobligated highway funds (obligation is a way of ensuring that actual cash is available to pay for project expenditures). This is not just a Texas issue; the feds are going to all the states and taking back unobligated highway funds. As with everything else in our society, money is tight for everyone. This is one of the reasons

TxDOT is partnering with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) to build specific toll roads that are outlined in the CAMPO Transportation Improvement Plan – an example is the US 290 East toll road.

If anything is to be done to Koenig/Northland beyond what is currently in the CAMPO 2030 plan, it will have to go through the entire CAMPO review process. ❖

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